

REMARKS

Non-elected claims 5-8 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Upon entry of the Amendment, claims 1-4 will be pending.

Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Ishiyama (2004/0191656).

Applicants note that their foreign priority date of February 28, 2003 pre-dates the September 5, 2003 §102(e) date of Ishiyama. Applicants have therefore submitted certified English translations of both their foreign documents in order to perfect their claim to foreign priority. As noted, both certified translations establish priority as of February 28, 2003 - before the September 5, 2003 §102(e) date of Ishiyama. Support for the current claims is established in at least JP 2003-053831, as shown in the table below.

<u>Current Claim</u>	<u>Support in JP 2003-053831</u>
1	Claim 1 and paragraph [0009]
2	Claim 2
3	Claim 3
4	Claim 4

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the


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Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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